

CHAPTER 2. ORGANIZATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Developing the imagery capabilities and executing the IMINT operations to satisfy the wide variety of MAGTF requirements are extremely difficult challenges that require extensive cooperation and coordination among all members of the intelligence community—MAGTF, other services, joint, and national. This chapter addresses the major roles and responsibilities of various IMINT-related organizations and key personnel within the operating forces and supporting establishment of the Marine Corps, as well as those external to the Corps. Appendix D provides IMINT organizations' and agencies' points of contact.

"A man trusts his ears less than his eyes."

- Herodotus, 484-424 B.C.

2001. MEF KEY PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Role of the Commander

Command Attention

Intelligence is an inherent and essential responsibility of command. Command attention is critical to military success. The commander must ensure that members of the unit understand the importance placed on intelligence and the requirement to support the intelligence effort. The commander's involvement in the intelligence process encompasses focusing the intelligence effort, participating in the intelligence process, using intelligence in decisionmaking, supporting the intelligence effort, and providing personal evaluation of the intelligence effort.

Intelligence Requirements

The commander focuses intelligence and supporting IMINT efforts through articulation of commander's intent and planning guidance and identification of PIRs. These drive all resulting intelligence collection, production, and dissemination activities.

Resource Allocation

A detailed and well thought out concept of intelligence support, developed in accordance with the commander's intent and concept of operations, will provide appropriate allocation of intelligence capabilities between the MAGTF's main and supporting efforts, and between intelligence support to current operations and the continuous planning efforts for future operations. IMINT resources are limited; trained imagery analysts—as well as IMINT collection, processing, and dissemination assets—compete with non-intelligence missions for their use. Some MAGTF imagery collection assets, such as the F/A-18 ATARS and UAVs, have multi-mission roles and may be tasked with command and control, targeting, other intelligence, electronic warfare, or other missions in addition to imagery collection. For IMINT operations, therefore, the commander's role in mission prioritization of organic imagery airborne collection and other IMINT assets is particularly important.

Communications and Information Systems Support

The extent to which a MAGTF can request and receive JTF, theater, and national imagery support is a function of the level and effectiveness of its CIS connectivity and throughput capability from the tactical through the theater and national levels. The commander must assess CIS intelligence needs against all competing MAGTF CIS requirements to ensure necessary support is provided.

MEF Command Element G-2 Section and the Intel Bn

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

The AC/S G-2 has staff responsibility for intelligence and intelligence operations, to include IMINT. The commander relies on the intelligence officer to provide the necessary information on the weather, terrain, and enemy capabilities, status, and intentions.

Through the intelligence operations plan and supporting intelligence and R&S plans, the MEF AC/S G-2 validates and plans IRs; coordinates intelligence priorities; integrates collection, production and dissemination activities; allocates resources; assigns specific intelligence and reconnaissance missions to subordinate elements; and supervises the IMINT and overall intelligence and reconnaissance efforts. Specific all-source and key IMINT responsibilities include—

- 1 Developing and answering outstanding MEF and subordinate units' PIRs and IRs by planning, directing, integrating, and supervising organic IMINT and multi-discipline MEF and supporting intelligence operations.
- 1 Preparing appropriate IMINT and other intelligence and reconnaissance plans and orders for the MEF, and reviewing and coordinating the IMINT and all-source intelligence plans of JTFs, theaters, and other organizations.
- 1 Submitting and coordinating all-source and IMINT collection, production, and dissemination requirements beyond the capability of the MEF to satisfy to higher headquarters for JTF, theater or national IMINT systems support.
- 1 Ensuring IMINT and other intelligence information is rapidly processed, analyzed, incorporated (where appropriate in all-source intelligence products), and rapidly disseminated to all MEF and external units requiring these.
- 1 Evaluating JTF, theater, and national IMINT and all-source intelligence support and adjusting stated IRs, if necessary.
- 1 Identifying and correcting deficiencies in IMINT and other intelligence and reconnaissance personnel and equipment resources.
- 1 Incorporating exercise IMINT in training exercises to improve MEF individual, collective, and unit readiness.
- 1 Facilitating understanding and use of IMINT and other intelligence in support of the planning and execution of MEF operations.

G-2 Operations Officer

The G-2 operations officer, under direction of MEF AC/S G-2, has primary responsibility for intelligence support to the commanding general (CG) and the remainder of the MEF CE in support of current and future operations.

Specific all-source and key IMINT related duties include (see figure 2-1)—

- 1 Coordinating and providing intelligence support (to include key IMINT support) to the CG, the G-3 operations section, and the remaining MEF CE's battlestaff.
- 1 Serving as G-2 representative to the MEF CE crisis action team (CAT).
- 1 Coordinating, providing, and supervising intelligence support to the MEF CE COC, future operations center (FOC), and force fires.
- 1 Planning, directing, and supervising the threat or red cell.
- 1 Providing recommendations on PIR and IR validation, prioritization, and taskings to the AC/S G-2 and the ISC.
- 1 Coordinating and supervising the transition of intelligence planning and operations from G-2 plans to G-2 future operations, and from G-2 future operations to G-2 current operations, to effectively support the MEF's single battle transition process.
- 1 Planning, directing, and supervising MEF liaison teams to external commands (e.g., the JTF and joint functional components headquarters) and intelligence organizations.
- 1 Coordinating with the ISC and MEF MSCs' G-2 operations officers to ensure unity of effort of MEF intelligence operations.
- 1 Providing intelligence input and other support to MEF warning and fragmentary orders and to operations related reporting (e.g., periodic situation reports).

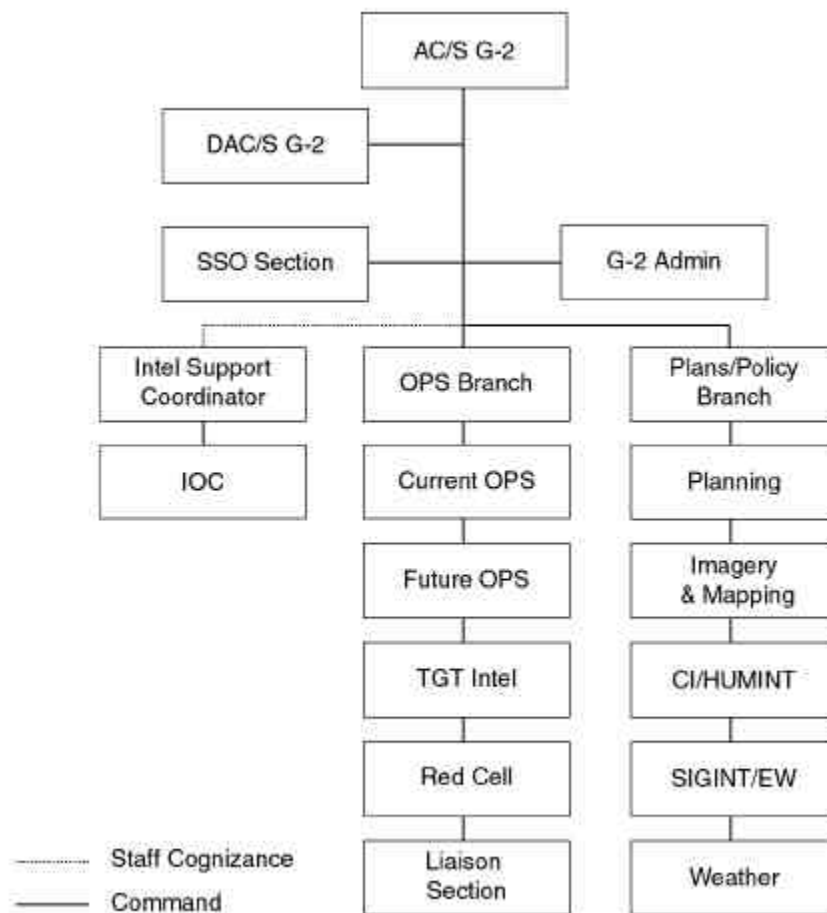


Figure 2-1. MEF G-2 Division Principal Staff Officers and Relationships.

- Coordinating intelligence training for the MEF G-2 section and providing G-2 oversight for and integration of the MEF intelligence training program.
- Accomplishing other intelligence support and tasks as directed by the AC/S-2/G-2.

G-2 Plans Officer

The G-2 plans officer, under the direction of the MEF AC/S G-2, has primary responsibility for intelligence support to the MEF CE's future plans cell. Specific all-source and key IMINT related duties include (see figure 2-2)—

- Planning the MEF concept of intelligence operations for approval by the AC/S G-2 and subsequent implementation by the ISC based upon the mission, threat, commander's intent, guidance, and concept of operations. This concept of intelligence operations includes a supporting IMINT concept of operations.
- Leading, coordinating, and providing intelligence support to MEF G-5 future plans section.
- Planning and coordinating intelligence support requirements for and the deployment of intelligence elements and resources into the AO.
- Providing recommendations on PIR and IR validation, prioritization, and taskings to the AC/S G-2 and the ISC.

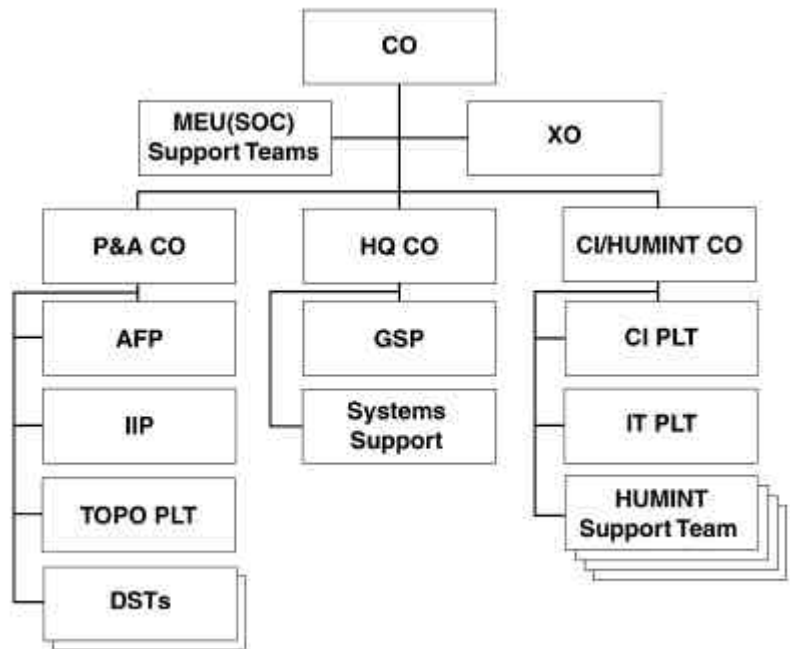


Figure 2-2. Intelligence Battalion.

- ┆ Coordinating with the ISC, G-2 development of Annex B (Intelligence) and Annex M (Geospatial Information and Services) to MEF operations plans (OPLAN), their supporting appendices (such as the initial appendix 7, Imagery Intelligence), and all intelligence input to other annexes of OPLANs.
- ┆ Keeping the G-2 section, other CE staff sections, intelligence liaison personnel, augmentees, and others apprised of MEF intelligence planning actions and requirements.
- ┆ Identifying requirements and providing recommendations to the G-2 operations officer for MEF intelligence liaison teams to external commands (e.g., the JTF or other components' headquarters) and intelligence agencies.
- ┆ Coordinating and developing policies for MEF intelligence, CI, and reconnaissance operations.
- ┆ Planning, directing, and supervising the MEF G-2's imagery and mapping, CI/HUMINT, SIGINT, and weather sections.
- ┆ Accomplishing other intelligence support and tasks as directed by the AC/S-2/G-2.

Intel Bn Commander/Intelligence Support Coordinator

The intel bn commander is responsible for planning and directing, collecting, processing, producing and disseminating intelligence, and providing CI support to the MEF, MEF MSCs, subordinate MAGTFs, and other commands as directed.

Garrison. The principal task of the intel bn commander in garrison is to organize, train, and equip detachments that support MAGTFs or other designated commands to execute integrated collection, intelligence analysis, production and dissemination of intelligence products.

Actual Operations. During operations, the intel bn commander is dual-hatted as the ISC, serving as such under the direct staff cognizance of the MEF AC/S G-2. The intel bn's S-3 section, along with the operations center element of the MEF G-2, forms the core of the ISC support effort, with planning, direction, and C2 conducted within the IOC's support cell. As the ISC, the commander is responsible to the MEF AC/S G-2 for the overall planning and execution of MEF all-source intelligence operations. Specific all-source and key IMINT responsibilities of the ISC during actual operations include—

- ┆ Implementing the concept of intelligence operations (and the supporting IMINT concept of operations) developed by the G-2 plans officer and approved by the AC/S G-2.

- ▮ Establishing and supervising operation of the MEF IOC, which includes the support cell, the SARC, and the P&A cell (see figure 2-3). Generally, the IOC will be collocated with the MEF CE's main command post.
- ▮ Developing, consolidating, validating, and prioritizing recommended PIRs and IRs to support MAGTF planning and operations.
- ▮ Planning, developing, integrating, and coordinating MEF intelligence collection, production, and dissemination plans, to include the effective organic and external integration and employment of MAGTF IMINT as well as staff cognizance of MEF SIGINT, CI, HUMINT, GEOINT, ground remote sensors, ground reconnaissance, and tactical air reconnaissance intelligence collections, production, and dissemination operations.
- ▮ Developing with the G-2 plans officer and G-2 operations officer, and completing Annex B (Intelligence) and Annex M (Geospatial Information and Services) to MEF operations orders (OPORDs), their supporting appendices (such as appendix 7, Imagery Intelligence), and all intelligence input to other annexes of OPORDs.
- ▮ Planning, developing, integrating, and coordinating intelligence and CI support to the commander's estimate, situation development, indications and warning, force protection, targeting, and combat assessment.
- ▮ Managing and fusing the threat (or red) common operational picture (COP)/common tactical picture (CTP) inputs from subordinate units and external commands and intelligence agencies into the MEF CE's threat COP/CTP.
- ▮ Providing intelligence support to the MEF CE G-2 section and the MSCs.
- ▮ Preparing the intelligence and CI estimates to support G-2 plans.
- ▮ Planning, developing, and coordinating intelligence communications and information systems architecture, to include its integration with and support of MEF IMINT and other intelligence and reconnaissance requirements.
- ▮ Coordinating and integrating MEF IMINT and all-source intelligence operations with other service components, JTF joint intelligence support element (JISE), theater joint intelligence center (JIC) or joint analysis center (JAC), and national intelligence agencies and operations (e.g., NIMA), to include all aspects of intelligence reachback support.

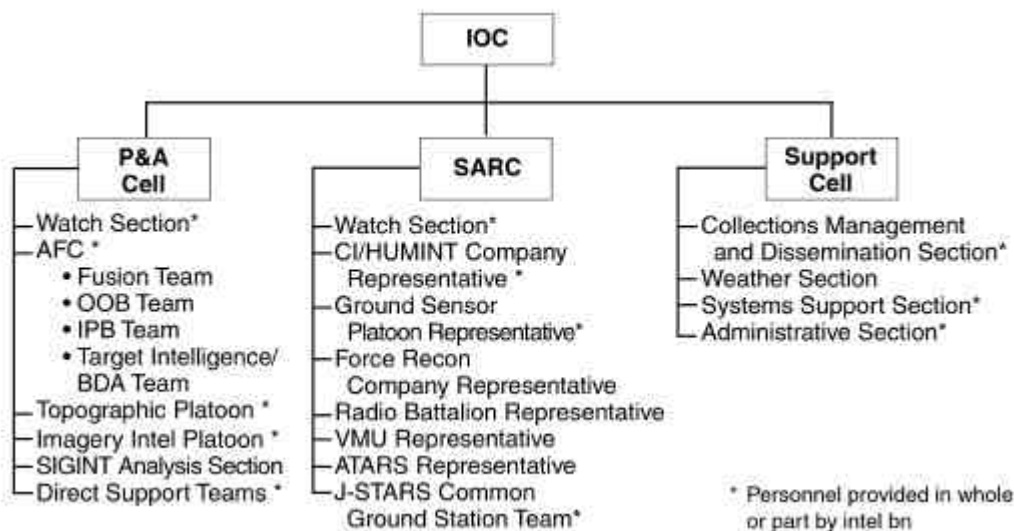


Figure 2-3. Intelligence Operations Center.

- Assisting with the evaluation and improvement of MEF IMINT and all-source intelligence operations.
- Accomplishing other intelligence support and tasks as directed by the AC/S G-2.

(See table 2-1 for the principal responsibilities of the AC/S G-2's three principal staff subordinate officers.)

Table 2-1. AC/S G-2's Principal Subordinate Staff Officers and Responsibilities.

ISC	G-2 Operations Officer	G-2 Plans Officer
Planning and execution of intelligence operations to support all MEF IRs.	Providing intelligence support to MEF CE battle staff and current operations center agencies.	Providing intelligence support to the plans officer's future planning team for future planning IRs.
Establishing and directing the IOC (P&A cell, SARC, and support cell).	Coordinating intelligence support to higher and adjacent headquarters and agencies.	Recommending IR validation, prioritization, and tasking to AC/S G-2.
Managing IRs (collection, production, and dissemination), validating, prioritizing, and tasking IRs, per AC/S G-2 direction.	Recommending IR validation, prioritization, and tasking to AC/S G-2.	Establishing and directing the G-2 future planning intelligence element.
Exercising C2 of intel bn and staff cognizance over SIGINT, CI, HUMINT, measurement and signature intelligence, IMINT, and air and ground reconnaissance, including staff cognizance of designated G-2 elements.	Establishing and directing intelligence elements and support to the combat operations center, future operations center, target intelligence section, force fires, red cell, and MEF intelligence liaison teams.	Establishing and operating the intelligence section's imagery and mapping, CI, HUMINT, SIGINT, and weather sections (less that under staff cognizance of the ISC).

Collection Management/Dissemination Officer

The collection management/dissemination officer (CMDO) is sourced from the intel bn's S-3 section and is a key subordinate to the intel bn commander/ISC during operations. The CMDO is responsible for formulating detailed ICRs and IDRs and tasking and coordinating internal and external operations to satisfy these. The CMDO receives validated PIRs and IRs and direction from the ISC, and then plans and manages the best methods to employ organic and supporting collection and dissemination resources through the intelligence collection and dissemination plans (tabs to Appendix 16, Intelligence Operations Plan, to Annex B), which includes all IMINT collection and dissemination activities. The CMDO is also responsible for validating and forwarding national and theater IMINT and other collection requests from the MEF and MSCs typically using appropriate intelligence tools and TTP. The CMDO also is responsible for coordinating intelligence CIS requirements and maintaining awareness of available CIS connectivity throughout the MAGTF and with key external organizations. During operations, the CMDO works within the support cell.

In coordination with the P&A cell officer in charge (OIC), the SARC OIC, G-2 operations officer, IMINT-related unit commanding officers (COs)/OICs, and the MEF G-6, the CMDO is responsible to the ISC for the following IMINT-related tasks.

- Determining and coordinating the collection effort of PIRs/IRs that may be collected via imagery (ATARS, UAVs, national imagery databases) and supporting resources (i.e., force reconnaissance company).

- 1 Determining of PIRs/IRs and preparing requests for intelligence that are beyond organic capabilities and preparing submissions to higher headquarters and external agencies for support.
- 1 Recommending dissemination priorities, development of intelligence reporting criteria, and advising on and selecting dissemination means.
- 1 Developing and coordinating IMINT and all-source intelligence collection plans, coordinating and integrating these with MEF, other components, JTF, theater, and national intelligence production operations.
- 1 Developing and coordinating IMINT and all-source intelligence dissemination plans and supporting architectures for both voice and data networked communications, and coordinating and integrating these with MEF, other components, JTF, theater, and national intelligence CIS and dissemination operations.
- 1 Monitoring the flow of IMINT throughout the MAGTF and ensuring that it is delivered to intended recipients in a timely fashion and satisfactorily meets their needs.
- 1 Evaluating the effectiveness of MEF and supporting IMINT collection and dissemination operations.

SARC OIC

The SARC OIC is the second immediate subordinate of the ISC and supervises the execution of the integrated organic, attached, and direct support intelligence collection and reconnaissance operations. The SARC OIC is responsible to the ISC for accomplishing the following specific IMINT-related responsibilities.

- 1 Coordinating, monitoring, and maintaining the status of all ongoing imagery collection operations. This includes—
 - 1 Missions, tasked ICRs, and reporting criteria for collection missions.
 - 1 Locations and times for all pertinent fire support control measures.
 - 1 Primary and alternate CIS plans for both routine and time-sensitive requirements, for IMINT collectors as well as between the collectors or the SARC and key MEF CE and MSC C2 nodes, to support ongoing C2 of IMINT collection operations and dissemination of acquired data and intelligence to those needing it via the most expeditious means.
- 1 Conducting detailed IMINT collection planning and coordination with the MSCs and IMINT organizations planners, with emphasis on ensuring understanding of the collection plan and specified intelligence reporting criteria.
- 1 Ensuring other MAGTF C2 nodes (e.g., the current operations center, force fires, etc.) are apprised of ongoing IMINT and other intelligence and reconnaissance operations.
- 1 Receiving routine and time-sensitive IMINT-related reports from deployed collection elements; cross-cueing among intelligence collectors, as appropriate; and the rapid dissemination of IMINT reports to MAGTF C2 nodes and others in accordance with standing PIRs/IRs, intelligence reporting criteria and dissemination plan, and the current tactical situation.

Production and Analysis Cell OIC

The P&A cell OIC is the third principal subordinate to the ISC, with primary responsibility for managing and supervising MEF all-source intelligence

processing and production efforts, to include all aspects of IMINT production. Key all-source and IMINT-related responsibilities include—

- 1 Planning, directing, and managing operations of the all-source fusion platoon (to include the fusion, OOB, IPB, and target intelligence/BDA teams), the topographic platoon, the IIP, the direct support teams (DSTs), and other P&A elements as directed.
- 1 Coordinating and integrating P&A cell operations, estimates and products with the MEF G-2 section's G-2 operations branch and its red cell operations and estimates.
- 1 Maintaining all-source automated intelligence databases, files, workbooks, country studies and other intelligence studies.
- 1 Planning and maintaining imagery, mapping, and topographic resources and other intelligence references.
- 1 Administering, integrating, operating, and maintaining intelligence processing and production systems, both unclassified general service (GENSER) and sensitive compartmented information (SCI) systems (e.g., the image product library [IPL], joint deployable intelligence support system [JDISS], intelligence analysis system [IAS]).
- 1 Analyzing and fusing IMINT with other intelligence into tailored all-source intelligence products to satisfy all supported commanders' stated or anticipated PIRs and IRs.
- 1 Developing and maintaining current and future intelligence situational, threat, and environmental assessments and target intelligence based upon all-source analysis, interpretation, and integration.
- 1 Managing and fusing the threat COP/CTP inputs from subordinate units and external commands and intelligence agencies into the MEF CE's threat COP/CTP.

The IPL has both a GENSER and SCI version.

IIP Commander/Detachment OIC

Specific tasks include—

- 1 Exploiting and analyzing all-source, multi sensor imagery to derive intelligence pertaining to installations, dispositions, strengths, and activities of various conventional and nonconventional forces.
- 1 Employing imagery methods and techniques in the planning and tasking of multi sensor platforms, both those organic and external to the MAGTF.
- 1 Conducting imagery exploitation and assisting in imagery management.
- 1 Providing IMINT reports, limited imagery-derived products, and secondary imagery to the MEF and other commanders.
- 1 Conducting liaison with the MCISU for obtaining imagery products in support of MEF intelligence requirements.
- 1 Administering and managing the MEF IPL.

The IIP commander is responsible for planning and providing the MEF, and other commands as directed, with imagery and imagery analysis to support operations.

Other Command Element Staff

G-1

The G-1 is responsible for all personnel requirements with regard to the IMINT effort. MEF IMINT requirements may require personnel augmentation to satisfy all requirements. All such requests for IMINT personnel augmentation will be developed by the MEF G-2 and provided to the G-1 for either internal sourcing or forwarding to higher headquarters for action (e.g., global sourcing).

G-3

The G-3 is responsible for planning, coordinating, and supervising the tactical employment of units. As such, the movement and operations of IMINT and supporting units must be coordinated by the G-2 with the G-3 for integration in future and current operations planning. Since some imagery supporting units also provide certain non-intelligence capabilities, close coordination between the G-2 and G-3 is necessary for mission prioritization and deconfliction. The G-3 has primary responsibility for the planning and operations of maneuver and fires, and is typically a principal staff user of IMINT, requiring close coordination throughout the planning process to ensure effective IMINT support. Accordingly, G-3 personnel must understand the capabilities of the different IMINT collection systems and exploitation and advantages and limitations of different types of imagery and IMINT products to form realistic expectations of IMINT support, to effectively and efficiently request appropriate support, and to integrate intelligence into operations.

G-4

The G-4 is responsible for the logistic support of attached IMINT units. To ensure the required support is available, arrangements should be developed early in the deployment that meet the particular needs of the deployed IMINT-supported unit. Special attention is drawn to logistics requirements of IMINT units' unique and sometimes sizable equipment (e.g., IIP).

G-5

The G-5 is the principal staff officer responsible for all long-range (future) planning and joint planning matters. Normally, a G-5 is found only at the MEF and Marine Corps forces (MARFOR) levels; at lower MEF echelons future planning is the responsibility of the G-3. The G-5 understanding of imagery/IMINT and the type of support required parallels that of the G-3.

G-6

The G-6 provides for and protects CIS connectivity and operations, both within and external to the MEF. This includes providing the communication paths, network accesses, and frequencies for IMINT organizations organic, attached to and/or supporting the command, which requires significant systems knowledge across IMINT and all-source intelligence CIS.

MEF Major Subordinate Commands' Intelligence Officers

The MSC intelligence officers must understand imagery, IMINT, and their capabilities and uses. Additionally, MSC intelligence officers must be able to articulate in detail all IMINT requests they submit through the chain of command and integrate IMINT support with other command intelligence and reconnaissance operations. Because IMINT resources are generally limited, MSC intelligence officers must recognize that their units' IMINT requirements will compete with all others from throughout the MAGTF. Close coordination among all unit intelligence officers will identify opportunities where small adjustments to IMINT requirements result in satisfying more than one unit's requirement during the same collection and/or production tasks.

Key MSC intelligence officers' IMINT tasks include—

- ┆ Planning and implementing a concept for intelligence support based on the mission, concept of operations, and commander's intent.
- ┆ Providing centralized direction for command intelligence operations, to include IMINT elements attached to or placed in direct support of the unit.
- ┆ Consolidating, validating, and prioritizing unit IRs and IMINT needs.
- ┆ Submitting consolidated requests for external IMINT support to the MEF CE.
- ┆ Coordinating operational and CIS links to pertinent supporting external IMINT collection and production elements and operations.
- ┆ Providing timely, accurate feedback on the level of unit satisfaction regarding IMINT support received.

2002. NATIONAL IMAGERY ORGANIZATIONS

Director of Central Intelligence

The DCI's imagery responsibilities cover all phases of the intelligence cycle including direction, collection, processing, production, and dissemination. Responsibility also includes determining current and future requirements, developing imagery-related systems, and establishing security procedures.

The Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) is responsible for the procurement, operation, and management of national imaging systems and programs that support activities from the level of the National Command Authority (NCA) to forward deployed MAGTFs.

To fulfill IMINT-related responsibilities, the DCI has established a network of committees, subcommittees, working groups, and panels composed of representatives from national organizations, Department of Defense (DOD) agencies, and military services. The Marine Corps is represented on the DCI's imagery-related committees to ensure Marine Corps support requirements are identified and incorporated at the national level. These national efforts affect both current and future operations. In the near term, this Marine Corps representation maximizes programmatic support for developing new imagery systems and strategies that will provide critical support to MAGTF operations.

National Imagery and Mapping Agency

NIMA is designated a DOD Combat Support Agency. Specified tasks of the NIMA director include—

- ┆ Organizing, directing, and managing NIMA resources.
- ┆ Planning, coordinating, and managing the tasking of national IMINT collection operations in support of military operations.
- ┆ Providing advisory tasking for theater and tactical IMINT assets, including advising imagery collection elements on collection of imagery to meet national intelligence requirements when collection elements are assigned to or under the operational control of the secretary of a military department or the commander of a combatant command, and not allowed by the Secretary of Defense to meet national intelligence requirements.
- ┆ Providing and managing imagery and geospatial analysis and production.

- Disseminating imagery, IMINT, and geospatial information by the most efficient, expeditious, and secure means available.
- Developing and making recommendations on national and non-national policy for imagery and geospatial intelligence.
- Developing and coordinating DOD and intelligence community systems and technical standards.

NIMA's Marine Corps Customer Support Team is the focal point for Marine Corps customer support and provides the point of accountability through which requirements are identified and needs are met. Key IMINT tasks include—

- Understanding and coordinating NIMA resources to support Marine Corps needs.
- Assessing, defining, tasking, and coordinating Marine Corps needs into IMINT production actions.
- Providing single point of accountability to Marine Corps for requirements satisfaction.
- Prioritizing Marine Corps needs into NIMA business plans.
- Managing execution of Marine Corps programs approved for development.
- Measuring Marine Corps satisfaction with NIMA IMINT programs.
- Providing feedback on status of Marine Corps IMINT production requirements.
- Providing IMINT production expertise to Marine operating forces.

National Reconnaissance Office

The mission of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) is to enable U.S. global information superiority.

The NRO is responsible for the unique and innovative technology, large-scale systems engineering, development and acquisition, and operation of space reconnaissance systems—to include critical imagery resources—and related intelligence activities needed to support global information superiority. Its capabilities include support to I&W, monitoring arms control agreements, and support to military operations. The NRO accomplishes its mission through the on-going research and development, acquisition, and operation of spaceborne and airborne intelligence systems. NRO assets and capabilities may be tasked to support MAGTF operations under procedures described in the Joint Tactical Exploitation of National Systems manual.

Defense Intelligence Agency

DIA is a primary coordinator of several departmental imagery programs and activities that contribute to the development and operations of imagery capabilities and IMINT activities. DIA coordinates the services' and combatant commands' imagery and IMINT requirements; manages centralized DOD collection and production management requirements programs (e.g., requirements for multispectral imagery); coordinates operational and technical interoperability requirements for intelligence dissemination (e.g., by setting data standard formats for secondary imagery dissemination systems); and sponsors and participates in numerous imagery working groups, programs, and panels to address imagery and IMINT

capabilities issues. Additionally, DIA coordinates and manages National Intelligence Support Team (NIST) support to joint operations. The NIST is a deployable intelligence team comprised of special intelligence planning, CIS, and analytical support, to include national IMINT support. NIST composition may include elements from DIA, the National Security Agency (NSA), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and NIMA.

2003. MARINE CORPS SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENT IMAGERY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS

Various Marine Corps supporting establishment organizations are staffed with personnel carrying out responsibilities pertaining to IMINT and imagery-related matters. Major organizations are listed below.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) is directly responsible for the internal organization, training, efficiency, and readiness of the Marine Corps; for the operation of its material support system; and for the total performance of the Marine Corps.

Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps

Intelligence Department Imagery Plans and Policies Branch

The Marine Corps Director of Intelligence implements those CMC responsibilities as they relate to IMINT and other imagery matters through the Imagery and Geospatial Plans and Policy (IPI) branch. Specific imagery and IMINT-related tasks include—

- 1 Developing Marine Corps plans and policies for IMINT.
- 1 Validating Marine Corps requirements for national imagery collection, production, and dissemination of imagery and all-source intelligence products. As the Marine Corps Departmental Requirements Officer (DRO), IPI is the final service validation and adjudication authority for all USMC national imagery and IMINT requests submitted through the service (vice operational) chain of command.
- 1 Executing duties as the Marine Corps national imagery community representative on numerous DOD and intelligence community committees, subcommittees, working groups, and panels.
- 1 Advising NIMA on matters pertaining to Marine Corps imagery capabilities and limitations in a joint or combined environment.
- 1 Coordinating with Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC) and Marine Corps Systems Command (MARCORSYSCOM) on matters related to IMINT doctrine, organization, training and education, equipment, and support combat capabilities development.

Aviation Department

The Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation, HQMC Aviation Department (AVN), coordinates closely with Navy aviation elements for procurement of manned and unmanned tactical aviation platforms and sensors. In this capacity, critical IMINT programs, such as ATARS and UAV, fall under AVN cognizance.

Marine Corps Combat Development Command

MCCDC is the focal point for Marine Corps concepts and supporting doctrine, organization, training and education, equipment, and support combat capabilities development.

Marine Corps Systems Command

MARCORSYSCOM plans and manages research, development, and acquisition programs through equipment production and fielding for employment by MAGTF forces, to include most imagery and IMINT supporting equipment programs (e.g., SIDS).

Marine Corps Intelligence Activity

The Marine Corps maintains a Service-level intelligence capability within the Marine Corps Intelligence Activity (MCIA).

MCIA provides tailored intelligence and services that support HQMC; develops Marines Corps doctrine, force structure, force modernization, training and education, acquisition policy and programming; and Marine Corps forces contingency planning and other requirements for intelligence products not satisfied by theater, other Service or national research and analysis capabilities. MCIA focuses on crisis and pre-deployment support to expeditionary warfare. It complements the efforts of theater, other Service, and national intelligence organizations and provides unique all-source threat, technical, and GEOINT products tailored to Marine Corps operating forces needs. It also coordinates Marine Corps Service imagery collection, production, and dissemination requirements by acting as the Marine Corps Service IMINT collection, production, and dissemination manager, to include taskings of the USMC Reserve's IIP. MCIA is collocated with the National Maritime Intelligence Center (NMIC), Suitland, MD, and at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, VA.